

**MINUTES OF MEETING
COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF MONTICELLO
MONDAY, JULY 20, 2009**

The meeting of the Common Council, of the City of Monticello, Indiana, was held on Monday, July 20, 2009, at 6:45 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jason Thompson and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call, by Clerk Treasurer Liz Oilar, was answered by Mayor Jason Thompson, Council Members Dave Kelly, Jim Mann, Grace Oilar, Bill Smith, and Eric Storm, and City Attorney George Loy.

There being no additions, deletions, or corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting and special meeting on Monday, July 6, 2009, a motion was made by Council Member Grace Oilar, seconded by Council Member Jim Mann, to approve the minutes as presented. Four ayes, one abstained, motion carried.

Accounts Payable was added to tonight's agenda.

Citizen Participation

The Monticello Kiwanis Club will be in charge of the 1970's Centennial Celebration event for the month of August. Bruce Lambert was on hand to give a brief description about their planned event, "Time of Remembrance, Resolution, and Rebirth", on August 23, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. in the Staggs gym. The 70's were a time of disco music, leisure suits, platform shoes, and for Monticello the tornado. They will have a power point presentation about the tornado and disco music playing. They will also have a display of memorabilia from entertainment at Indiana Beach. They are also trying to revitalize the effort to construct the 1974 Tornado Memorial. Connie Neiningger addressed the Council about the memorial, which was started in 2001. The Historical Society now wants the original dedicated site for parking. After much discussion, Council Member Grace Oilar made the motion to have the memorial remain at the original dedicated site on the corner of Bluff Street and Broadway, seconded by Council Member Bill Smith. All ayes, motion carried.

Department Head Reports

Police Chief Curt Blount stated that they are down to the final four applicants for the police officer position. He received a call last week from Ken Prieboy. He is requesting that the south, east, and west side of the downtown square be shut down for Tuesday Cruising Night. He is having anywhere from 75 to 85 cars each Tuesday. After much discussion, Council Member Jim Mann made the motion to allow Ken Prieboy and the car show to expand from Illinois to Bluff on Broadway, the whole street, seconded by Council Member Grace Oilar. All ayes, motion carried. Chief Blount will contact Ken in the morning.

Water Superintendent Rod Pool stated that his department is normal but busy. They had some trouble with the hatches and filters that were recently fixed. One of the gaskets blew today and water was everywhere. They did get this fixed and hope all is well.

Wastewater Superintendent Joe Mowrer stated that it is business as usual. M.D. Wessler is getting with Commonwealth this week and finishing up the National Homes project. They should have the plans here next week to go over.

Fire Chief Shane Swaim stated that it the same old, same old at his department. His grants are in and the roof has been completed. The door repair will start next week.

Street Superintendent Doug Roberts stated that Ellis has started on the sidewalks. Milestone finished up this afternoon. He is very happy with their work. Things went very well.

Consideration of City Surplus Auction Date

Mayor Thompson stated that we have several large items for auction. He would like to get an auction date set. Council Member Jim Mann made the motion to have the city surplus auction on Saturday, August 22, 2009 at 10:00 a.m., at the Street Department, seconded by Council Member Grace Oilar. All ayes, motion carried

Accounts Payable

Council Member Grace Oilar made the motion to approve the accounts payable as presented, seconded by Council Member Bill Smith. All ayes, motion carried.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Liz Oilar
Clerk Treasurer